

What is Negation?

Worksheet

Negation turns a positive statement negative by adding 'not', 'no', or using contractions like don't, can't, won't, and isn't.

Questions

1. Make negative: 'He plays football.'
A) He not plays football
B) He don't play football
C) He doesn't play football
D) He plays not football
2. Which is NOT a valid contraction?
A) don't
B) won't
C) willn't
D) can't
3. When do you use 'no' in negation?
A) With verbs only
B) With nouns only
C) With both verbs and nouns
D) Never
4. Complete: 'I _____ finished my homework.'
A) haven't
B) don't have
C) am not
D) won't
5. Make negative: 'I like pizza.'
6. Make negative: 'She can swim.'
7. Make negative: 'They will go.'
8. Define: What is negation in English?
9. Define: What is a contraction?
10. Define: How do you negate with 'do'?

Answer Key

1. C) He doesn't play football — With the simple present, use does + not or doesn't with third-person singular.
2. C) willn't — The correct form is 'won't' not 'willn't'. 'Will' → 'will not' → 'won't'.
3. B) With nouns only — 'No' is used before nouns (no time), while 'not' is used with verbs (not going).
4. A) haven't — With the present perfect, use haven't (have + not contraction).
5. Identify the auxiliary verb: do Add not: do + not Contract: don't Final: I don't like pizza.
6. Identify the auxiliary verb: can Add not: can + not Contract: can't Final: She can't swim.
7. Identify the auxiliary verb: will Add not: will + not Contract: won't Final: They won't go.
8. Negation makes a statement negative using 'not', 'no', or negative contractions.
9. A shortened form of two words combined (e.g., don't = do + not, can't = cannot).
10. Use 'do/does + not' or the contraction 'don't/doesn't'.

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